

Committee on Educational Policy and Planning

29 January 2003; Meeting 16

Present: Michael Arnush, Catharine Bookhout, John Brueggeman (for Chuck Joseph), Pat Fehling (chair), Hugh Foley, Nick Merrill, Amelia Rauser, Ray Rodrigues, Patricia Rubio, Gordon Thompson

The meeting commenced at 11.15am.

1. Approval of minutes from Jan. 22nd (meeting 15) - final draft to be circulated by GT; minutes from meeting 14 missing. PF will construct these minutes.
2. LSI: discussion of status of LSI proposal. Committee members expressed concern about the process the LSI faculty sought for approval of the proposal, and await result of PF's discussion with Paul Sattler (chair, Curriculum Committee). Paul Sattler (Chair of Curriculum Committee) will encourage Michael Marx (for LSI) to present changes in the course's content and structure at the February 7th faculty meeting, in light of CEPP's on-going discussion of academic vision. The committee noted the possibility that it will issue, in the context of academic vision, changes to the first- and second-year experiences which might alter the long-term viability of the LSI changes.
3. Expanding Horizons and First Year Experience conferences: PF encouraged committee members to represent CEPP at two upcoming conferences: one that will include representation from the Expanding Horizons project spearheaded by Ruth Andrea Levinson and the Education Department (a conference sponsored by the NY state chapter of the Campus Contract), and another on advising, mentoring and the first-year experience that will include members of the Dean of Studies' office. Interested committee members should contact PF via email. The committee suggested that institutional participants in these conferences might report to CEPP about the outcome of these conferences.
4. Distance learning: regarding the memo of Jan. 21st circulated at the Jan. 22nd CEPP meeting, Ann Henderson, Registrar, had only requested CEPP's consent to proceed through appropriate channels with a response to a student's request to enroll in a UC-Berkeley on-line course on "Irish Culture Today." The committee authorized Ann to proceed. In the context of CEPP's working paper on distance learning (12/9/02), the committee thought that a statement regarding the role of faculty advising should be inserted into the working paper, which HF will provide. PF asked JB to have the working paper placed on the Feb. 14th Academic Staff agenda.
5. Academic Vision. The committee began to outline overarching educational goals that might constitute an academic vision for the College. The summary of our initial discussion follows.

The meeting adjourned at 12.30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Arnush